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APR 28 1954

Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes  
Director  
Weapons Systems Evaluation Group  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Keyes:

Reference is made to your communication of 22 March 1954, requesting information relevant to Soviet nuclear weapon activities. The questions raised by the referenced letter have been referred to the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee and I am now advised that information is not presently available on which to base answers to the specific questions raised concerning the period beyond mid-1957. On the other hand, it was the opinion of the Committee that basic information which your organization can use in the preparation of an evaluation of certain portions of the strategic air offensive appears in the recently published National Intelligence Estimate on the Soviet Atomic Energy Program to Mid-1957 (NIE 11-3-54) as well as in a Projection of Guide Lines covering the period beyond 1957 which is now being prepared by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee.

A copy of NIE 11-3-54 was forwarded to your organization through the Joint Staff Member of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee on 14 April 1954. The Projection of Guide Lines Paper will be forwarded as soon as available. It is suggested that after these documents have been studied by your group, if it is deemed desirable, further conversations on the subject be held by personnel of your group and the JAEIC, the Chairman of which is [redacted] of this Agency.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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